

COME HOLY SPIRIT: A SERMON SERIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT #2

“The Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ”

Scripture Readings: Selected from John 14-16

The Nicene Creed: “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.”

“Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead.” **John Stott**

*****God, The Holy Spirit, The 3rd Member of the Trinity, is able and willing to breathe new life into our souls and the Church, rekindle our dying and struggling faith, inflame our passion for God, and enliven us to be part of God’s mission in the world. The Holy Spirit has been, is and will continue to be present and active in the world and in human lives until the eternal purposes and promises of God are fulfilled.**

- I. **The Holy Spirit and The Prophetic Promises of Messiah (Old Testament): “Messiah” or “Anointed One” (Greek, “Christ”), is taken from Psalm 2:2 and Daniel 9:25-26.** The term took its meaning from the Jewish practice of anointing their priests and kings. But this term was applied in a special sense to the future Ruler who would be sent from God to sit on the throne of David forever. He is the One that God distinctly identified many years ahead of His arrival on earth. [127 Old Testament predictions of the Coming of Messiah fulfilled in Jesus Christ]
- II. **The Holy Spirit and The Birth of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18-23 and Luke 1:26-55)**
 - A. **“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about...” (Matthew)...**Mary is pregnant through the Holy Spirit; what is conceived in Mary is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son. You will name him Jesus because He will save His people from their sins...All of this took place to fulfill what the Lord had already said through the prophet (Isaiah 7) “The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call Him Immanuel (“God with us”).
 - B. **“How can this be?” asked Mary...(Luke)...**You have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son and you are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; His kingdom will never end. The Holy Spirit will come on you and the power of the Most High will ‘overshadow’ you. The Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.

III. **The Holy Spirit and The Ministry of Jesus Christ (focus on the baptism, temptation and beginnings of Jesus' Ministry)**

A. Baptism...As Jesus was being baptized, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus "like a dove" and a voice from heaven said "You are my son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22) "The Man on whom you see the Spirit descend when I baptize..." (John 1:32-34)

B. Temptation...Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where for 40 days he was tempted by the Devil. (Luke 4:1-13)

C. The Beginnings of Jesus' Public Ministry...Reading from the scroll from Isaiah he found the place where it was written "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to...Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:14-21 and Isaiah 61:1-2)

IV. **The Holy Spirit in The Teaching of Jesus Christ**

A. Matthew's Gospel..."When you speak about me, it is not you speaking but the Spirit speaking through you." (10:20); "All kinds of sins can be forgiven but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven." (12:31-32)

B. Luke's Gospel...(Don't forget The Book of Acts!)..."If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (11:11-13)

C. John's Gospel...(Don't forget The Letters of John and Revelation!)... "No one enters the Kingdom of God unless they are born again by water and the Spirit...The Spirit gives birth to Spirit. The Wind/Spirit blows where it pleases...so it is with everyone born of the Holy Spirit." (John 3:1ff); God is Spirit and His worshipers must worship in The Spirit and The Truth." (John 4:23-24); "The Spirit gives life...The words I have spoken to you are full of the Spirit." (John 6:63); "I (Jesus) will ask the Father and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him or knows him but you know him for he lives with(in) you...The Advocate, The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you...when The Advocate, The Spirit of truth, comes, he will testify/witness about me...Unless I (Jesus) go away, The Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you and when he comes he will prove/convict the world to be wrong about sin (non-belief), righteousness (the glorification/ascension of Jesus Christ) and judgment (the prince of this world/Satan NOW stands condemned)...when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, he will not speak on his own, he will tell you what is yet to come, he will glorify me." (John 14-16)

Conclusions/Applications: The Holy Spirit moved and directed Jesus Christ; empowered Jesus Christ; anointed Jesus Christ; was present with Jesus Christ; accompanied and worked together with the words of Jesus Christ; declared the deity of Jesus Christ in and through his resurrection; enabled/supported Jesus Christ in his sin-bearing, sacrificial death; was an active agent in the resurrection of Jesus Christ...THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONE who would be the power and presence of Jesus Christ that would enable the Church to continue the earthly ministry of mission of Jesus Christ.

Next Week: The Holy Spirit and The Word of God